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Transmitted herewith are the following:

- ☒ Amendment/Response;
- ☒ Substitute page 12 of the Specification;
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Applicants' representative hereby petitions for a three-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), to and including February 13, 2002, for filing a response to the Office Action dated August 13, 2001.

A check in the amount of \$460.00 is enclosed herein to cover the appropriate three-month extension fee for filing this amendment. Please charge any additional fees that may be due, or credit any overpayment of fees, to our deposit account no. 23/2825. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

If the enclosed papers are considered incomplete, the Mail Room and/or the Application Branch is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at (617) 720-3500, ext. 286.

Respectfully Submitted,

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SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

This is in response to the Advisory Action (Paper No. 17) mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on November 20, 2000. A Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time and appropriate fee are submitted concurrently herewith.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace existing page 12 of the specification with substitute page 12 provided herewith.

In the Claims:

1. (Thrice Amended) An isolated nucleic acid molecule selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) a nucleic acid molecule which hybridizes under stringent conditions to a molecule consisting of the nucleic acid of SEQ ID NO:1 and which codes for a polypeptide that stimulates the growth of lens epithelial cells, wherein the stringent conditions comprise hybridization at 65°C in hybridization buffer wherein the hybridization buffer comprises 3.5 x SSC, 0.02% Ficoll, 0.02% polyvinyl pyrrolidone, 0.02% Bovine Serum Albumin, 2.5mM NaH<sub>2</sub>PO<sub>4</sub>(pH7), 0.5% SDS, and 2mM EDTA,

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